

Women’s Cancer Screenings for the Uninsured

Lahai Health



Background

- Lahai is increasing access to preventative women’s health screenings for those that are not a part of the healthcare system by conducting free mammograms, cervical cancer screenings, and other women’s health screenings.
- This project specifically targets individuals who are uninsured and living at extremely low and very low-income levels.

Project Description

- Lahai launched a pilot program specifically for women’s cancer screenings, adding specialty clinics to our existing primary care clinic schedule.
- These additional specialty clinics have provided more frequent opportunities for our patients to receive screenings and increased our capacity to complete the cancer screenings.
- Patients receive follow up and ongoing care support from our Nurse Case Managers based on their individual needs.

Results



“These special clinics have made it much faster for the patients to be seen and increased the consistency of screenings.” - Maria, Nurse Case Manager

- Over the last year, 7 specialty clinics were held at Bethany Compassion Center in downtown Everett, Connect Casino Road in Everett, and at our brick-and-mortar medical clinic in Haller Lake North Seattle.
- Each clinic location was held at an easily accessible site, via public transport and parking.
- 80 patients were screened at the 7 specialty clinics, in addition to the 400 women screened at their primary care appointments.

Program Impact

- Successfully facilitated multiple screening clinics.
- Reduced wait times, and we were able to catch abnormal findings, connecting patients to follow-up care.
- Strong relationships with partners and committed providers supporting the program.
- Improved access to screenings saw higher levels of people actually completing their screenings.

Conclusion

- Lahai found success in this program and plans to continue specialty cancer screening clinics for women.
- Of the 80 patients seen at the specialty clinics, 46 were referred for follow up care, additional screening, or treatment.
- The additional clinic opportunities have reduced the time in between screenings for patients, with a decreased wait list for appointments.

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